

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2012
FREMONT CITY HALL
7:00 P.M.***

*Due to the length of the special meeting at 6:00 p.m. this meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

- a. Call to Order:** Vice Mayor Natarajan called the meeting to order.
- b. Flag Salute:** Councilmember Chan led the salute to the flag.
- c. Roll Call:** Present: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison, Chan and Dutra.
- d. Announcements by Mayor/City Manager**

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

- * **a. Waive Reading of Ordinances:** The City Attorney read the titles of ordinances to be considered.

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council waived further readings of proposed ordinances.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison,
Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

- * **b. Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council approved the minutes for the Special and Regular Meetings of September 6, 2011, the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2011, the Special and Regular Meetings of September 20, 2011, the Special Meetings of October 3, 2011, the Regular Meeting of October 4, 2011, the Special and Regular Meetings of October 11, 2011, the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2011, the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2011, and the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison,
Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

* c. **Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration of Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Fremont Amending Fremont Municipal Code Title VIII, Chapter 2, Article 20, Section 8-22003 Regarding Parking Standards for the Purpose of Modifying Certain Requirements and Clarifying Existing Regulations**

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Chan recused herself due to a conflict of interest. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Dutra, the City Council tabled the topic for future review.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Councilmember Chan

* d. **Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration of Authorization to Amend a Contract with Kaiser Permanente Medical Group, Inc., to Provide Baseline Medical Evaluation Services for Fire Department Wellness as Approved in the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant**

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to amend the contract with the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group, Inc., for the provision of baseline medical evaluations from the current contract amount of \$90,000 to the total AFG grant award amount of \$120,900.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison, Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

* e. **Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration of Authorization to Purchase Structural Turnouts from JAECO Fire and Safety with Proceeds from the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant**

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council authorized the City Manager or designee to enter into an agreement with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, JAECO Fire and Safety, to purchase turnouts at the bid-specified prices in an amount not to exceed \$244,915.91.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison, Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

* **f. Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration of Acceptance of the Fremont Redevelopment Agency’s Annual Report of Financial Transactions and Housing Activities Report**

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council accepted the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report as submitted to the State Controller.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison,
Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- a. **Presentation:** In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Historic Preservation for the Niles Cultural Banner Program

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Oral and Written Communications**

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration to Review and Comment on the Measure B3 Draft Transportation Expenditure Plan to Provide Direction to Fremont’s Alameda County Transportation Commission Member**

Public Works Director Jim Pierson provided an overview. ACTC staff (Art Dao, Executive Director, and Tess Lengyl, Deputy Director) provided a PowerPoint presentation. Raj Salwan suggested Fremont Boulevard be included in the BRT plan. There were no other speakers. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Councilmembers provided comment.

The City Council reviewed the Draft Measure B3 Transportation Expenditure Plan and its benefits for the City of Fremont and the Fremont community and provided direction to the City’s ACTC representative, Councilmember Chan, on how to vote on the Plan at the ACTC meeting on January 26. Staff recommends the Council support the Draft TEP.

b. Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration of Information and Options for Council to Fill the Mayoral Vacancy

City Attorney Harvey Levine outlined options for Councilmembers consideration. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Vice Mayor Natarajan, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council approved recruitment and scheduled two special meetings to appoint an applicant to fill the vacancy.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison,
Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

c. Vice Mayor Natarajan opened consideration of Election to Become the Successor Agency and/or Successor Housing Agency to the Dissolving Redevelopment Agency

This item was added to the Consent Calendar.

On a motion by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Chan, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2012-01, electing to serve as both the Successor Agency and Successor Housing Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency, and directing staff to file the appropriate notification of these elections in accordance with the Dissolution Act.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison,
Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

a. Council Referrals

COUNCILMEMBER DUTRA REFERRAL: As the Council is well aware, the City is changing from a suburban to more of an urban community and we will increasingly be called to make important decisions on infill lots regarding how these projects can best be designed for the future, while not completely destroying the look, feel and functionality of existing neighborhoods. This is especially sensitive with regard to interfaces between existing and new developments, particularly where two land uses of varying intensities come together. This doesn't imply that these projects need to mimic the surrounding properties, but they should be designed in a manner that are not completely out of context or have unrealistic parking requirements that can negatively impact a neighborhood. This may be a tough balance, but one that should be more formally and proactively analyzed by the Council. With this in mind, I

would suggest that staff be directed to put together a tour of recently constructed and approved projects that provide the City Council with good - and not so good - examples of how context, massing and parking are handled in "real world" project designs. I believe that the opportunity for the Council to actually see these projects will go a long way toward educating us on where an appropriate balance can be found between the very real concerns of neighbors and those that can be effectively addressed through actual parking usage and good project design.

On a motion by Councilmember Dutra, seconded by Vice Mayor Natarajan, the City Council approved a tour of development areas for the Council and Planning Commission.

Ayes: Vice Mayor Natarajan, Councilmembers: Harrison,
Chan and Dutra.
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

b. Oral Reports on Meetings and Events

Councilmembers reported on their various meetings and activities.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Vice Mayor Natarajan adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. in memory of Mayor Bob Wasserman.

Attest:

Approved:

Nadine Nader, City Clerk

ANU NATARAJAN, Vice Mayor